

ABSTRACT

AL-IIIC-157

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(161)

Pleasant Vally, Maryland

Public/private

1766/1767 (area surveyed/marked)

1902 (new monument set at

additional site)

Milestone No. ---(161) <sup>in Pleasant Valley</sup> marks an additional point on Mason and Dixon's West Line about 4250 feet west of the preceding monument (and mound site), No. ---(160) on Martin Mountain ridge, <sup>and is</sup> close to 151 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their <sup>230.228-mile</sup> West Line. It is a very plain, dressed Cockeysville marble monument of 1902, of the same design and source as 65 other monuments set during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary west of Sideling Hill. It is in excellent condition, unaltered; measures about 10 inches square by about 1 foot above ground with a low pyramidal top; and is embellished only by the capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, M on the south side facing Maryland; and the years 1766 <sup>on the east side,</sup> when this area was preliminarily surveyed, and 1902 on the west side, when this monument was set. No. ---(161) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 37 monuments marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. AL-IIIIC-157

Magi No.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME** BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 161)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER off the east side of Pleasant Valley Road/LR-05002

CITY, TOWN

Pleasant Valley VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Bedford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

## OWNERSHIP

## STATUS N/A

## PRESENT USE

\_\_\_ DISTRICT

☒ PUBLIC

\_\_\_ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_\_ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_ PRIVATE

\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_ PARK

\_\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_\_ BOTH

\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION****ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS

☒ OBJECT

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

☒ not applicable

\_\_\_ NO

\_\_\_ MILITARY

☒ OTHER state boundary marker**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

AL-IIIIC-157 entered 6/2/81

\_\_\_ FEDERAL ☒ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		Additional site (1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2)

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. --- (161) was a new, dressed Cockeysville marble post in 1902 when added to Mason and Dixon's West Line during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It measures 10 inches square by about 1 foot above ground <sup>terminating</sup> in a low pyramidal top; is in excellent condition, unaltered, firmly in place; and is embellished only by the capital letters P on the <sup>facing Pennsylvania</sup> north side, M on the south side, <sup>facing Maryland</sup> and the years 1766 (when this area was preliminarily surveyed) on the east side, 1902 (when <sup>this</sup> monument was set) on the west side.

The area here <sup>is</sup> Pleasant Valley, lying between Martin Mountain to the east and Evitts Mountain to the west, with <sup>the cleared area following</sup> houses strung along Pleasant Valley Road/ LR-05002, with dense forests covering <sup>the Maryland Department of Natural Resources</sup> the mountains, and <sup>Rocky Gap State Park lands</sup> west of the road. The site is within Election District 21 of Allegany County, MD, and Southampton Township of Bedford County, PA; at the north edge of the small settlement of Pleasant Valley, in a small band of woods (which stretches between the mountains, unbroken); in a slightly raised road shoulder, about 10 feet east of the road and the metal signs (County Line and Southampton Township), and about 25 feet south of the old pipeline. It can <sup>easily</sup> be seen from the road all seasons, but <sup>is inconspicuous and</sup> seems protected from road maintenance machinery and traffic.

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD (believed the Beaver Dam Marble Co.), of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone, originally cut about / 4½ 10 inches square by about 1½ feet long, for setting about 1½ feet above ground, with the remaining 3 feet for setting <sup>firmly</sup> into the ground. The letters and numbers are blocky, V-sunk without serifs, and are horizontally-aligned as a band around the stone near the top. These, and the top planes and apex, are all clear and intact. The surfaces are dappled with lichen; the edges have insignificant nicks; and there are a few small dribbles of tar.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the new monuments set in 1902 along the Line during the 1900-03 Resurvey)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
X 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	X POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

1766/1767 (area survey/mark)  
1902 (monument)

BUILDER/ARCHITECT  
SURVEYORS

Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(161) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was preliminarily surveyed in 1766; marked the following year; and the present Cockeysville marble monument added to a new site established on the Line in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, No. ---(161) is also significant as one of 37 markers remaining along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, and as such, has a readily identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Evitts Creek (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1949 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 70280, northing 439945

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE MarylandCOUNTY AlleganySTATE PennsylvaniaCOUNTY Bedford**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

7/23/81 (site surveyed)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

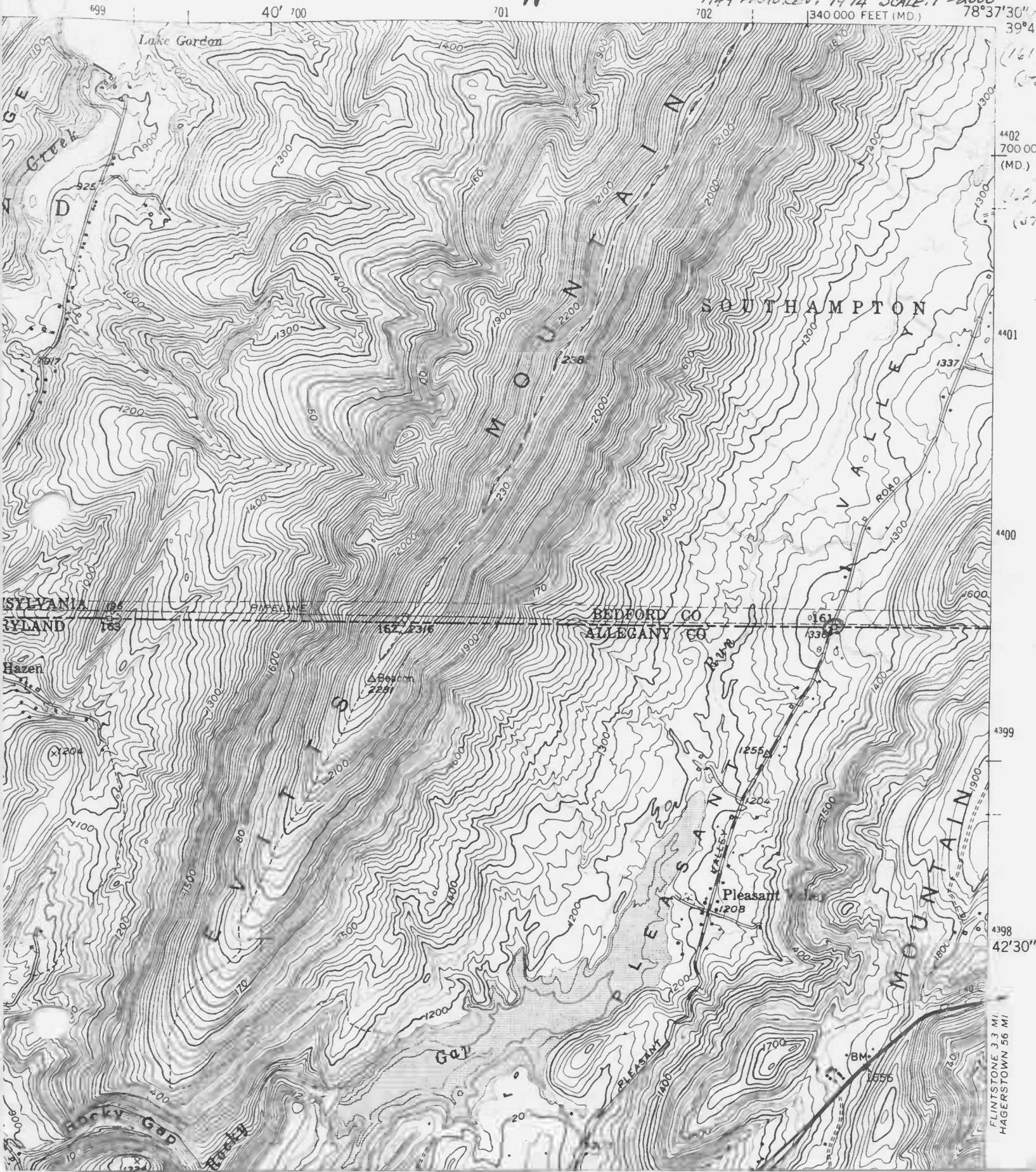
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MASON EDIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE - (161)

EVITTS CREEK QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-WEST VIRGINIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NW/4 FLINTSTONE 15' QUADRANGLE  
1449 PHOTO. REV. 1974 SCALE: 1" = 2000'  
702 78°37'30" 39°4







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12920 + 5120N WES - NE: MILESTONE - (16')  
NW CORNER (0' 1322)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 7/23/87 (28" 2' 20")





